



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Re: MUR 5742
Bill McCollum for U.S. Senate and Richard L.
Pilhorn, in his official capacity as treasurer

Dear Mr. Braden:

On March 6, 2007, the Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe your clients, Bill McCollum for U.S. Senate and Richard L. Pilhorn, in his official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, by failing to disclose disbursements totaling \$755,839 in the Committee's 2004 12 Day Pre-Primary Report.

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days and no more than 90 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. If we are unable to reach an agreement after 30 days, the Commission may institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

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Sincerely,

Thomasenia P. Duncan
Acting General Counsel



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